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Governor Snyder statement on death of Michigan State Police Trooper Werda

LANSING, MI - Governor Rick Snyder today issued the following statement on the untimely death of Michigan State Police Trooper Jeffrey Werda. Trooper Werda, of the Bridgeport Post died as a result of a rollover vehicle crash while assisting the Saginaw County Sheriff's department.

"The entire state of Michigan mourns the death of Trooper Jeffrey Werda who lost his life this morning while in the line of duty," Snyder said. "As a 10 year veteran of the Michigan State Police, Trooper Werda worked tirelessly to protect the people of our state and put his life at risk day after day to protect our communities. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Trooper Werda's wife, his three children and his entire family."

Governor Snyder has ordered the United States flags on all state buildings and within the State Capitol Complex to be lowered immediately in Trooper Werda's honor. Flags should be returned to full-staff following the date of internment. Funeral service arrangement information is not yet available.

When flown at half-staffed or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

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